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6. The Molotov Cooperative covers approximately seven thousand decarees of farmland which previously belonged to the inhabitants of about a dozen villages. The majority of the laborers were supposed to be paid a salary of between 200 and 300 leva but in fact no laborer ever received his full pay. Salaries should have been paid each fortnight but there were always delays, and when payment eventually was made ten per cent was deducted with no explanation.

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7. Out of this money the laborers had to pay for their meager meals as follows:

Breakfast

Unsweetened tea	5 leva
20 grams white cheese	10 leva
30 grams of black bread	30 leva

Lunch

Potato soup	20 leva
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Once a week there were 30 grams of meat in the soup for which the laborers had to pay an extra 10 leva. Each meal was served against payment, and if, because pay was late, a worker did not have the ten or fifteen leva for his food, he was obliged to go without.

- work began at 8:00 a.m., but in order to reach the cooperative from the villages in which they were housed, the laborers were obliged to get up several hours earlier and walk ten or twenty kilometers to the cooperative. There was supposed to be a rest period from noon to 2:00 p.m., but in fact the rest period only lasted fifteen minutes. The working day, according to the terms under which laborers were engaged, was to be 6 hours long, but in practice it was invariably lengthened to as much as 7 or 8 hours.
9. In bad weather there was no work, but the laborers were nevertheless roused at 4:00 a.m., marched to the cooperative, and had a day's pay deducted if no work was accomplished.
10. Daily tasks were purposely set high, and as they were never completed, in spite of frantic work, there were reprimands and deductions of pay. A worker who should have received 250 leva actually never received more than 180.
11. The Communists who managed the cooperative, however, lived very well. Their identity is not known as their names were never mentioned.

Comment: A graduate of pro-gymnasium has completed seven grades; this is compulsory in most Bulgarian schools.

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